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2015 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 28

February 16, 2016 - Introduced by Representatives Kessler, Barnes, Bowen, Johnson, C. Taylor, Sinicki, Zamarripa, Young, Zepnick, Brostoff and Goyke. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: service of Honorable Harold B. Jackson Jr.

Whereas, Honorable Harold B. Jackson Jr. was a brilliant lawyer and judge who devoted his life to working to make the city of Milwaukee a better place to live for all; and

Whereas, Honorable Harold B. Jackson Jr. graduated from Marquette University Law School in 1967 and was hired as a prosecutor, serving as the only African American in the District Attorney's office until he left the office in 1969, and was regarded by many as one of that office's brightest legal minds; and

Whereas, Honorable Harold B. Jackson Jr. was appointed to the Milwaukee School Board in 1970 and was elected its president the following year, becoming the first African American to serve in that role until his departure from the board in 1972; and

Whereas, Honorable Harold B. Jackson Jr. was appointed by Governor Patrick Lucey to the Milwaukee County Circuit Court in 1973, becoming only the second African American judge in the state, and served as a judge for Milwaukee County until 1985; and

Whereas, Honorable Harold B. Jackson Jr., following his tenure on the bench, became senior staff attorney for the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and during his employment with the MMSD was appointed a "special master" by a federal judge monitoring overcrowding in the county jail where he continued his service to the city of Milwaukee and all Milwaukee County; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, That Representative Kessler, on behalf of the Wisconsin Assembly, under Assembly Rule 97, hereby offers his thanks for the service of Honorable Harold B. Jackson Jr. in making the city of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County a better place to live for all, and offers his condolences to his family, including his wife, Kathleen, three daughters, Julia, Tiffany, and Jaime, and son, Bryan.

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